Brian LaMarre is the *Meteorologist-in-Charge* of the Tampa Bay Area Weather Forecast Office (WFO) of the National Weather Service (NWS) in Ruskin, FL.

Brian began his career as a student volunteer at the NWS office in Hartford, CT in 1992 before moving to the coast of Texas as a *Meteorologist Intern* at the NWS office in Corpus Christi in 1994. While serving at the Corpus Christi office, he worked in all of the operational forecasting positions, ranging from a *General Forecaster* from 1996 to 1998 to a *Senior Forecaster* from 1998 to 2002. During his time in Corpus Christi, Brian received a National Isaac Cline Award for warning services leading up to an unprecedented river flood in 1998, and a Department of Commerce Silver Medal Team Award for warning services during the impacts of Hurricane Brett in 1999.

From 2002 to 2004, Brian's strong interest in the marine and hurricane programs brought him to the position of *National Marine Program Manager* at NWS Headquarters in Silver Spring, MD. In this role, Brian worked closely with multi-agency partners and a wide range of NWS customers impacted by coastal storms. During the devastating hurricane impacts of 2004 across Florida, Brian served on the NWS Service Assessment for Hurricane Charley – and met with emergency management and media partners across South and Central Florida to improve hurricane services in the future.

From 2004 to 2007, Brian returned to the field as the *Warning Coordination Meteorologist* at the NWS office in Lubbock, TX. In this role, Brian worked closely with emergency management, first response officials, media and academic partners to ensure the NWS provided top-notch and innovative weather and warning services to the public. During the historic 2005 hurricane season, Brian served as the NWS liaison with emergency management and media partners at the NWS Southern Region Operations Center in Fort Worth, TX during the landfall of Hurricane Rita. During the 2008 hurricane season, Brian collaborated with emergency management across west and southwest Florida, using innovative webinar services, for the landfall of tropical storm Fay, and the indirect impacts from hurricanes Gustav, Ike and Paloma.

Brian received a Bachelor's degree in Meteorology from Western Connecticut State University in 1994. In 2006, Brian completed FEMA course requirements to serve as an Incident Command System *Technical Specialist* with local emergency management in Texas. In 2009, as a member of the NWS Tampa Bay Area emergency response team, Brian served as a *Technical Specialist* during Super Bowl XLIII with local, state and federal agencies in Tampa, FL.

Brian has been an active member of the *American Meteorological Society* (AMS) and the *National Weather Association* (NWA) since 1990, and has served on AMS Boards and NWA Committees to help promote weather education and specialized operational services. In addition, Brian is a member of the *Florida Emergency Preparedness Association* and the *International Association of Emergency Managers*.